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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Gleaned from Exchanges—Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot—Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

The dyes have withdrawn their contest over the local option election held in Excelsior Springs last January.

Upon the thirteenth wedding anniversary a Missouri Pacific conductor at Jefferson City filed suit for divorce.

Missouri "long green" tobacco has captured the gold, silver and bronze medals at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Emancipation day will be celebrated at Marysville on August 4, providing the colored people can raise the sum of \$700.

Governor Major and Speaker Clark put in good roads day working with a gang of prisoners on the public roads near Jefferson City.

It was a Missouri editor who defined an optimist as a man who having bought a ticket in a raffle for a motor car, immediately set about building a garage.

It was the proudest boast of Charles H. Hardin, governor of Missouri from 1875 to 1877, that during his administration he never issued a pardon to a horse thief.

A family reunion was held at the home of J. W. Moles in Warrensburg, last week. The moles have a family reunion in a good many front yards every month.

A walnut tree 114 inches in circumference was struck and ruined by lightning at Huntsville the other day. The tree was classed with the landmarks of that locality.

In three visits to a Johnson county farmers hen roost, thieves have carried away more than 200 chickens. The fowls were fancy stock and would average about six pounds each.

Divorced at the May term of circuit court at Sturgeon, two Boone countians found life unbearable, having grown so used to each other, and they were remarried one day last week.

Only seven days in the last eleven years has James Best, janitor of the court house at Albany, been absent from his post of duty. "A Best record," murmurs the Grant City Times.

Built more than a score of years ago at a cost of more than \$80,000, the "old Baptist College" at Webb City is advertised for sale at Carthage to satisfy back taxes. The building has been unoccupied for nearly ten years.

Judge Bond of the state supreme court thinks it is cheaper to call a taxi than to buy a car when attacked by "motoring fever." The judge invested in a car recently and had had only one ride when a thief got away with the machine.

Miss Mary Porter is married to James E. Burton of Holliday, west of Hannibal. Their combined height will not equal eight feet and their total weight is only 147 pounds. The bride weighs seventy pounds and is forty-seven inches in height. The bridegroom is one inch taller and weighs seven pounds more. Burton is 40 years old and the bride is 29.

A Rich Hill man has been prosecuted for selling fish less than ten inches long, under the new game law. The fish he sold were perch, and it cost him a \$10 fine plus \$9 costs.

Missouri editors from several parts of the state are reporting that the meanest men have been found borrowing dollars from barbers and then investing the loans in safety razors.

Claiming that ten citizens conspired to deprive him of the appointment as postmaster at Pomona, a Howell county school teacher has filed suit against them asking \$10,000 as damages.

The first awards on Missouri's agricultural exhibit at the Panama Pacific International Exposition at San Francisco have been announced and include 17 gold medals, 20 silver medals and 15 bronze medals.

The Poe-Hutchings dog case which was tried several times in various justice courts, has been settled on a compromise, the justice of the peace verdict for \$5 being agreed upon. The costs in the case amount to \$140.

Thirty seven Shorthorn cattle at the twelfth annual Bellows brothers sale at Maryville last week were sold for \$18,975, an average price of \$513 per head. Thirteen hundred dollars was paid for one cow and her calf. One animal sold for \$1,500.

Citing the incident as evidence of the stability of the local banking concerns, the Garden City Views notes that the Cass county treasurer one day recently transferred an account of \$64,000 without causing the slightest flurry in local financial circles.

When the animal's owner insisted on "dolling up" a Missouri mule for market, the mule became so indignant that it shut both eyes, ran full speed into a post and broke its neck, all being related as a Shelby county farm incident done into a story by the Shelbina Torchlight.

"Hank" Nelson is a little bit fussed up at this paper because we stated that he is still a Democrat. He says that any idiot ought to know that he is now, always has been and forever more expects to be a Democrat, and that further comment is unnecessary. Selah!—Green Ridge Local.

The big strawberry crop of southern Missouri was almost double that of last year. According to figures given out by officials of the Frisco railroad, a total of 578 cars have been moved from the berry growing centers over the Frisco alone. The Missouri Pacific and other lines in southern Missouri also had many cars.

According to tradition, the first application of water power in Missouri, outside of St. Louis, was when, in 1801, Jonathan Bryan built a water mill on Femme Osage Creek in St. Charles county. The capacity of the mill was less than ten bushels in twenty four hours and Bryan would fill the hopper once a day and give his mill no further attention.

It's a long, long time to stay in Clay County, but J. G. Wear of Excelsior has spent seventy-seven contented years within its borders.

A four legged fish was found dead at the edge of a pond in Chariton county recently. The finder wanted a good witness, so he showed the odd quadruped to the editor of the Mendon Constitution.

Thirteen years old and the mother of a thirteen pound boy, Mrs. Pat Dobbins of near Bosworth enjoys the distinction of being the youngest mother in Carroll county, "if not in the state," adds The Sentinel.

"About two more years will finish up the squirrels," says the Lamar Democrat. "The quail is just about extinct. Ducks are getting scarce. About the only thing for a real sportsman to do is to spit on his hands and get a fly swatter."

"How long can a hen live without water?" is a question F. B. Heathman of Howard county is asking his neighbors. In a pen of corn where she had been a prisoner several months, Mr. Heathman recently found a hen, "alive and well."

The editor of the Gentry Sentinel expresses the opinion that the Bloomer ball team which is making a tour of the country is one of the biggest jokes permitted to run at large. Guineas in sheep's clothing, and old ones at that.

A three days' picnic and free-for-all fun making time has been arranged again for this summer at Barnard. The frolic will be on August 5, 6 and 7, and the place will be on the old grounds across the 102 river, west of town. Doniphan will hold a one day picnic and free for all barbecue in September.

"Unless these rains stop pretty soon all of the fish are going to be drowned," said John Etz, one of our champion anglers. "One of my good farmer friends told me about the water coming down through an old creek bed on his place and drowning a lot of frogs. Some of 'em were three years old and didn't know how to swim."—Ex.

Nowhere else in the state have hickory nuts formed so important a crop as in the Grand River bottoms. In the early '40s a diminutive sternwheel steamboat made occasional trips up the Grand River and during the fall months an important item of its cargo was hickory nuts, which found ready market in St. Louis at 25 cents a bushel.

The manner in which Teddy Krueger, the small son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Krueger contracted diphtheria, for a time was a puzzle to everyone in the community. It was an isolated case, and so far as the family physician knew or could ascertain by inquiry, it was the only case in the city. Mr. Krueger finally reached a satisfactory solution of the problem, when it occurred to him that the infection had been transmitted through the mails. The fact developed Mrs. Krueger had received a letter from her sister, Mrs. Gus B. Engleman, of St. Louis, stating that her little daughter, Marie, was at that time a victim of the malady and that the home was in quarantine when the letter was written. The physician stated that the explanation was plausible and that he could see no other means for the spread of the epidemic.—Cape Tribune.

A Boonville man disgusted with the scorching of automobiles along the streets of that town publicly announces "If any of them ever harm my children, I will simply look him up and fill him full of buckshot; and I am sure no Boonville jury will find me guilty of wrong doing."

James T. Lloyd of Shelbyville, Democratic congressman from the First Missouri district, today announced he would not be a candidate for re-election. Mr. Lloyd has not made his plans for the future further than announcing he expects to sit on his front porch and rest this summer. He was elected to the Fifty fifth congress June 1, 1897, to fill the unexpired term of R. P. Giles, who died, and has been elected to all succeeding congresses.

One half the trouble in every community comes from the fact that so many people have not the judgment to keep their mouths shut. We have two ears, but only one tongue, which is suggestive of the fact that we should hear more than we tell. By the power of a secret divulged families, churches, neighborhoods and even nations fly apart. By the power of a secret kept, great charities, reformatory movements and Christian enterprises may be advanced.—Gallatin Missourian.

The Wenzel brothers, sons of Fred Wenzel, west of Norborne, caught a freak fish a few days ago and brought it to town. The fish was put in formaldehyde and has been viewed by hundreds yet no one can classify it. It is about four or five inches in length, has the skin of a catfish, the tail of an eel, and four well developed legs, each foot having four toes. There is also a peculiar growth, fan like, behind the gills, something not seen on any species of fish in this locality. All the professional fishermen have refused to even guess a name that will fit this specimen.

Three generations, one of them represented by twin brothers, was the unusual coincidence in the initiation of Drs. Earl and Ernest Netherton into the A. F. & A. M. lodge in this city last Thursday night. Dr. Ernest Netherton is a recent graduate from the Kansas City Dental College, his twin brother, Dr. Earl Netherton, graduated from the medical department of the state university this year, and their father, Dr. Chas. O. Netherton, and their grandfather, Dr. George T. Netherton, participated in the ceremonies incident to their becoming members of the Masonic order.—Gallatin Democrat.

The Sikeston Standard says: You farmers who have been digging your wealth out of the ground by the corn and wheat routes listen to this cattle and alfalfa tale. Last fall A. J. Matthews and Sons run 300 head of cattle on one of their New Madrid county farms at practically no cost at all as they pastured their wheat fields. Early in the spring they put the cattle on rye pasture and from there commenced feeding them their first cutting of alfalfa hay. The cattle came through the winter as sleek as ribbons and when put on an exclusive alfalfa hay diet took on three pounds of flesh per day. This beats straight corn and wheat for making money.

The Vatican.
The expenses of maintaining the Vatican are provided for by the pope, or, at any rate, by the Catholic church.

A wagon load of men's hats from a St. Louis wholesale house shipped by parcel post to a merchant in the west end of the county, comprised a part of the load of the mail carrier from Ironton to the west end Wednesday morning.—Ironton Register.

Amos Trickey, who lives about a mile north of Leemon and three miles southeast of Pocahontas, attempted to end his life last Thursday by slashing his throat with a razor and nearly succeeded in his designs. Family troubles are assigned as the reason for the act.—Jackson Items.

Mrs. Burris of Oran, wishes to know the whereabouts of her son, Ray, aged 15, who left his home recently. The following is her description of him: He is 6 feet tall, weighs 165 pounds, has one finger off on left hand, has old scar under left eye and wore a blue serge suit, blue cap and blue shirt when he left home.

The red clover crop throughout this section of Missouri has gained a growth that is extremely marvelous and the harvest will be immense. We were shown a bunch of this palatable and nutritious stock food this morning which was grown on a farm near Hymer station west of Liberty on the electric line, which measured forty four inches in height. Mr. Hymer has twenty acres and it is of an even growth.—Ex.

Albert Gibson Laws, former constable, a resident of Poplar Bluff thirty years or more, died at 1:50 this afternoon lying on a pallet in the machinery department of the Allison Mercantile Co., as a result of drinking carbolic acid less than an hour before. He was not conscious from the time he fell in the doorway after swallowing the acid. That the act had been premeditated is evident from the fact that five minutes before he drank the deadly draught he had asked J. J. Frank, the coroner, to go upstairs in his undertaking parlors, where he wanted to select a casket in which to be buried.—Poplar Bluff Republican.

Joplin held a jubilee the other day to celebrate \$135 jack, and subscribe to a fund to found an anti-tuberculosis society and hospital at that place. The Globe says, "there were about 300 people present," but there was also a marked absence of the beneficiaries of high priced jack. Congressman Decker and others appealed to the crowd for subscriptions from \$1 to \$100, but they were slow in coming. When the close came the funds were counted and found to amount to \$13.75. The crowd might have gathered up more than this in the forty-five minutes the meeting was held by scratching around the chat pile of some abandoned mine, remarks the Nevada Post.

Constipation Cured Over Night.

A small dose of Po-Do-Lax to-night and you will enjoy a full, free, easy bowel movement in the morning. No griping, for Po-Do-Lax is Podophyllin (May Apple) without the gripe. Po-Do-Lax corrects the cause of constipation by arousing the liver, increasing the flow of bile. Bile is nature's antiseptic in the bowels. With proper amount of bile, digestion in bowels is perfect. No gas, no fermentation, no constipation. Don't be sick, nervous, irritable. Get a bottle of Po-Do-Lax from your druggist now and cure your constipation overnight.

Thirty-six for 25c.

Dr. King's New Life Pills are now supplied in well corked glass bottles, containing 36 sugar coated white pills, for 25c. One pill with a glass of water before retiring is an average dose. Easy and pleasant to take. Effective and positive in results. Cheap and economical to use. Get a bottle today. Take a dose tonight—your constipation will be relieved in the morning. 36 for 25c. at all druggists.

HAD FISH BY TON

Blowing Up of Wreck Stuns Many Hundreds.

Coast Guard Cutter Yamacraw Destroys Menace to Navigation, and Crew Have More Fish Than They Need.

Savannah, Ga.—How the men of the United States coast guard cutter Yamacraw caught 853 pounds of fish, ranging from one to two pounds to huge denizens of the deep weighing 220 pounds, while blowing up the wreck of an abandoned schooner off the coast of Florida several days ago, was told very interestingly by Lieutenant Alexander, who is temporarily in command of the cutter during the absence of Captain Henderson.

The Yamacraw left Savannah on Sunday, April 18, in response to a wireless message from a steamship, which stated that the topmasts of a sunken schooner had been sighted about 30 miles to the eastward of the St. John's river entrance.

The cutter arrived at the scene of the wreck at daybreak the next morning and immediately set to work to blow up the wreck, which was a menace to navigation. A squad of men was sent out in one of the cutter's small boats, and mines heavily charged with gun cotton were lowered on each of the three topmasts which were seen protruding from the surface of the water.

At the first shot one of the masts was demolished far below the waterline, and almost immediately the surface of the water surrounding the wreck was thick with fish of various sizes. Many of them were badly stunned, and another small boat was sent out to gather them up. From the first shot 11 snappers weighing 23 1/4 pounds, five horse mackerel weighing 141 pounds and 85 1/2 pounds of small fish were taken into the second boat, according to Lieutenant Alexander.

The charge lowered on the second mast was then fired, and as the blast hurled the demolished "stick" high into the air another crop of stunned fish appeared on the surface of the water.

Most of the fish, Lieutenant Alexander said, seemed to be badly stunned. Others, he said, seemed to be unhurt, but all of them flopped around on top of the water, apparently unable to go below the surface. Lieutenant Alexander said he believed some of the fish had been blown up from a depth of one hundred feet, and that the lack of water pressure to which they were accustomed at that depth prevented their getting below the surface again. Most of them were easily caught and pulled into the boats.

The fish caught following the second shot were one snapper, two or three medium sized fish and a huge jewfish weighing 195 pounds. These were hauled into the third boat which had been sent out from the cutter.

At the third shot the men thought for an instant they had blown up a whale. Upon closer examination, however, it proved to be a second jewfish, considerably larger than the first. This monster, which proved to be six feet one inch in length, four feet three inches in girth and weighing 220 pounds, was roped and towed by one of the small boats to the side of the cutter, where a block and tackle were used to hoist it on deck. The huge fish was still alive after it had been hoisted over the side of the cutter, and grappling hooks similar to those used by laborers on the cotton docks were employed to drag it to a point where it could not flop overboard.

The second jewfish was the biggest that any of the officers or men on board the Yamacraw had ever seen. After it had been killed it was butchered, and some of the men ate portions of it and declared that it was fairly edible.

After destroying as much as possible of the wrecked schooner, which the officers were unable to identify, the Yamacraw steamed northward again and entered Charleston harbor the following morning.

MAKES BEDSPREAD AT 82

Mrs. Gregg Did It, Too, Without the Assistance of Eyeglasses.

Kansas City, Mo.—Mrs. Samuel Gregg, 521 South High street, Independence, has just completed the making of a bedspread containing 810 pyramidal-shaped pieces of cloth alternately blue and white.

Although eighty-two years old, Mrs. Gregg did the sewing entirely by hand and without the use of eyeglasses. She and Mr. Gregg celebrated recently the sixty-fifth anniversary of their wedding, which took place near Hickman Mills, this county.